

The ARRL proposal does not go far enough, or provide the incentives for building equipment and learning by doing.

C.W. is a mode of operation. Amateur has many modes of operation and a wide selection of frequencies to operate on.

An Extra Class Licensee should be conversant and show that they have operated on all bands including the microwave bands before receiving the highest license Class offered in the Amateur Radio Service.

The current proposal allows for an individual to go from no license to Extra Class in one exam with no practical experience.

The requirement of learning the "Code" discourages technical people that have many talents to offer to Amateur Radio.

Future contributions to the radio art will be made by groups as the current state of the electronic art is beyond General Practice, and requires a consortium of specialists to make a contribution.

The ARRL needs to encourage more technical people to enter Amateur Radio in order to carry on the development aspect of the Amateur Radio Service and should reserve the highest class of License for the talented achievers in Amateur Radio.

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